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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3573

INFO AMCONSUL ISTANBUL

AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TERRORIST ATTACK AT ISTANBUL

1. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP OR IS IT LIKELY THAT
WE WILL ANY FIRM INDICATIONS OF LIBYAN DIRECT INVOLVEMENT
IN ISTANBUL AIRPORT TERRORIST ATTACK.

2. LIBYANS, OF COURSE, HAVE ISSUED PUBLIC DENIAL TO
EGYPTIAN CHARGE OF INVOLVEMENT. TURKISH EMBASSY HERE
ASSUMES AS DO WE THAT AT A MINIMUM LIBYANS WERE INVOLVED
IN SUPPLYING WEAPONS AND FACILITATING DEPARTURE FROM
TRIPOLI. TURKISH AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS
TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH LARG.

3. INTERESTING SIDELIGHT IS THAT ASSISTANT CHIEF OF LAR
MFA PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT NURI MESMERI WAS ALSO ARRESTED
AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT AT SAME TIME AS TERRORISTS. AFTER
INTERVENTION LIBYAN EMBASSY HE AND SEVERAL OTHER
LIBYAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO CLAIMED THEY WERE
ENROUTE TO JOIN LIBYAN DELEGATION AT COLOMBO
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WERE RELEASED AND ALLOWED TO PROCEED. FROM OTHER

SOURCES WE LEARN THAT LIBYAN PROTOCOL STAFF WAS
INDEED ENROUTE TO COLOMBO. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE
BEEN PREVIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF INVOLVEMENT OF
MEMBERS OF PROTOCOL STAFF IN FACILITATING TERRORIST
OPERATIONS.
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